

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 13-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14 and 15 are amended. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 2, indicates that this application is in condition for allowance except for correction of certain informalities, as discussed below.

The Office Action, on page 2, objects to the drawing as not showing every feature recited in the pending claim. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the feature "angles formed between phase-retarding axes of the liquid crystal film fixed in nematic or discotic hybrid alignment in the first elliptically polarizing plate and the second elliptically polarizing plate and the distinct viewing direction of the liquid crystal layer are within a range from plus 30 degrees to minus 30 degrees" is not shown. This alleged shortfall in the drawings was specifically addressed in Applicant's Amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination on July 19, 2006. The Office Action, further, on page 3 asserts that Applicants amendments to the specification that were made to resolve the above-identified objection to the drawing are considered to add new matter. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that the original disclosure does not disclose "the rubbing axis 41 being equal to the distinct viewing direction."

In reply to both the objection to the drawing and the objection to the disclosure as allegedly including new matter, Applicants offer the following.

Applicant's July 19 Amendment amended paragraph [0060] of Applicant's disclosure, as originally filed, to disclose "the rubbing axis 41 being equal to the distinct viewing direction in this embodiment." This amendment was made to clarify a feature that is inherently disclosed in Applicant's disclosure, as originally filed. In the disclosed embodiment, the twist angle of the liquid crystal is zero degrees. The azimuth direction of a

director of liquid crystal molecules, *i.e.*, distinct viewing direction, at the center of the liquid crystal layer is equal to the direction in which the liquid crystal molecules adjacent to the substrate are aligned. This relationship occurs specifically because (a) the distinct viewing direction refers to the azimuth direction of the director of the liquid crystal molecules at the center of the liquid crystal layer as discussed, for example, paragraph [0027] of Applicant's disclosure; (b) the twisted angle is set to zero degrees in the disclosed embodiment (see paragraphs [0060] lines 7 and 8 of Applicant's disclosure); and (c) liquid crystal molecules align along a rubbing direction, this being a physical phenomena that is adequately understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. As such, the amendment of paragraph [0060] made to clarify the subject matter disclosed in Applicant's specification and to obviate the objection to the drawings does not introduce new matter, but rather simply clarifies the subject matter inherent in the disclosure as originally filed.

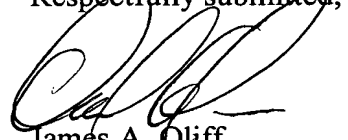
Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings and the objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, on page 3, objects to claims 14 and 15 as being in improper dependent form. Claims 14 and 15 are amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 14 and 15 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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